

proWazeki, Rickettsia tsutsugumushi, Chlamydia spp., or Helicobacter pylori. Yersinia pseudotuberculosis, Shigella dysenteriae, Shigella flexneri, Shigella sonnei, Salmonella typhimurium, Treponema pallidum, Treponema pertenu, Treponema carateneum, Borrelia vincentii, Borrelia burgdorferi, Leptospira icterohemorrhagiae, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Toxoplasma gondii, Pneumocystis carinii, Francisella tularensis, Brucella abortus, Brucella suis, Brucella melitensis, Mycoplasma spp., Rickettsia prowazeki, Rickettsia tsutsugumushi, Chlamydia spp., or Helicobacter pylori.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 were pending in this application. Claims 1-17 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent applications. New Claims 18-50 have been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. A copy of the claims which will be pending upon entry of the instant Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Support in the specification for new Claims 18-50 can be found throughout, see, *e.g.*, page 10, line 9 to page 28, line 15; page 34, line 7 to page 36, line 3; and page 40, line 4 to page 43, line 11. Applicants assert that no new subject matter, as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 132, has been added with the addition of new Claims 18-50.

Applicants have amended the title of the application to more accurately reflect the subject matter of the claimed invention. Applicants also have amended the specification to correct grammatical and typographical errors. Applicants assert that the amendments to the specification do not constitute new matter as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 132.

Entry of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

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